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Title: LITHOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, MIRROR ELEMENT, DEVICE
MANUFACTURING METHOD AND BEAM DELIVERY SYSTEM

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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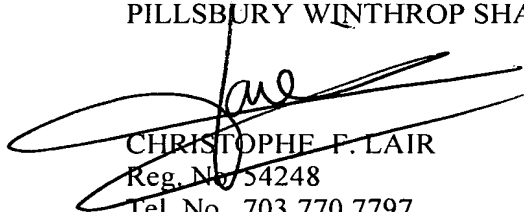
Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated June 22, 2006, consideration of the following comments are respectfully requested.

In the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner has set forth "Reasons for Allowance." The Applicants respectfully traverse these Reasons. Specifically, it is submitted that the subject matter of the allowed claims are patentable for their respective recitations of claimed combinations as a whole, without any particular critically or distinguishing feature being attributable to any one or more of such features, and without any narrowing interpretation being imposed on any such features.

Respectfully submitted,

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